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DEPT PASS US FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, DEPT OF INTERIOR AND
DEPT OF COMMERCE

1. ON JANUARY 19TH AND 20TH BANGKOK POST PUBLISHED ARTICLES ON THE ILLEGAL EXPORTATION OF GIBBONS TO THE UNITED STATES. BOTH ARTICLES MENTIONED THE CASE OF THE GIBBONS SHIPPED TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT DAVIS WHICH WERE THE SUBJECT OF REFTEL A. ACCORDING TO SOUR SOURCES WITH THE INTERNATIONAL PRIMATE PROTECTION LEAGUE AND THE BANGKOK POST, THE INTENTION OF THE ARTICLES IN BRINGING UP THIS OLD CASE IS TO HEAD OFF ANY FURTHER SHIPMENTS OF GIBBONS TO THE US WHETHER LEGAL OR ILLEGAL. WE ARE POUCHING THE TWO ARTICLES FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT.

2. ACCORDING TO THE POST STORY THE U.S. INTERIOR DEPARTMENT IN LETTERS TO VARIOUS ANIMAL WELFARE GROUPS IN THE STATES ALLEGED THAT MR. PONG LENG EE, CHIEF OF THE THAI NATIONAL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT DIVISION, FAILED TO COOPERATE IN THE INVESTAGATION OF THE DAVIS CASE AND FURTHER THAT INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES CONTRADICTED MR. PONG. PONG IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THE ALLEGATIONS OF NON-COOPERATION ARE FALSE AND THAT HE PLANS TO FILE A FORMAL COMPLAINT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR. WE HAVE NO CONFIRMATION
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FROM PONG THAT HE ACTUALLY INTENDS TO MAKE SUCH A COMPLAINT.

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3. IN THE EVENT MR. PONG'S ORIGINAL LETTER ASSURING THE EMBASSY
AS REPORTED REFTEL B DID NOT REACH INTERIOR, WE ARE ALSO POUCHING
A COPY OF THAT LETTER STATING THAT NO LICENSES HAVE BEEN ISSUED
BY HIS OFFICE FOR THE EXPORTATION OF GIBBONS SINCE THEY WERE PLACED
ON THE LIST OF PROTECTED ANIMALS IN 1965.
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